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SUBJECT: FSI: COMMERCIAL LOCALS US TRAINING PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY NOMINATION FOR SIX-WEEK FSL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL TRAINING PROGRAM IS FSL-1/3 ORESTIS G. BOUCAS. BOUCAS, BORN NOVEMBER 30, 1921, AT ATHENS, GREECE JOINED EMBASSY 3/15/46 AND HAS WORKED IN ALL PHASES OF FSL ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL WORK. BOUCAS, WHO IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH, HAS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM ATHENS COLLEGE AND COMPLETED TWO-YEAR CHEMISTRY COURSE AT ATHENS UNIVERSITY. CURRENT DUTIES INCLUDE ANALYSIS AND REPORTING ON GREEK MANUFACTURING AND INVESTMENT REGULATIONS; ANALYSIS AND TRADE PROMOTION IN SECTORS OF PETROLEUM, REFINERIES, CHEMICALS FERTILIZERS, SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING, AND TOURISM AND HOTELS; PREPARATION OF MARKET SURVEYS; ASSISTANCE TO US AND GREEK BUSINESS VISITORS, AND PARTICIPATION IN POST TRADE PROMOTION EVENTS. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, AS SENIOR ECON/COMMERCIAL FSL, BOUCAS ADVISES ECON COUNSELOR AND COMATT ON RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS AND OFFERS GUIDANCE TO FSL STAFF. IN ADDITION TO JOB EXPERIENCE, HE HAS COMPLETED 1968 "REPORT WRITING" USDA GRADUATE SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

2. POST BELIEVES THAT BOUCAS, WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY VISITED U.S., WOULD BENEFIT FROM DIRECT EXPOSURE TO COMMERCE, DISTRICT OFFICES, AND U.S. INDUSTRY. NOMINEE ANTICIPATES ADDITIONAL FIVE-SEVEN
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YEARS U.S.G. SERVICE IN ECON/COMMERCIAL AREA AND, WHILE HIS PERFORMANCE TODATE IS OUTSTANDING, COULD BENEFIT BY FIRST HAND UNDERSTANDING OF PRIORITIES OF COMMERCE AND US BUSINESS. BOUCAS REGULARLY ASSISTS AND BRIEFS AMERICAN BUSINESS VISITORS AND HIS PERFORMANCE IN THIS REGARD COULD BE IMPROVED BY TRAINING PROGRAM AND U.S. EXPOSURE. IN ADDITION, HIS TRAINING WOULD

HAVE IMPORTANT SECONDARY BENEFITS FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF FSL
ECON/COM STAFF

3. IF BOUCAS SELECTED, RECOMMEND PROGRAM INCLUDE EMPHASIS ON SOME
OR ALL OF FOLLOWING INDUSTRY AREAS:

(1) PETROLEUM, (2) PORT AND SHIPYARD EQUIPMENT, (3) MINING,
(4) POLLUTION CONTROL, (5) SOLAR ENERGY. NOMINEE HAS GOOD
BACKGROUND IN THESE AREAS, ALL OF WHICH CURRENTLY HAVE STRONG
POTENTIAL FOR U.S. EXPORTS. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS COVERED SHOULD
CORRESPOND TO THESE INDUSTRIES, BUT ALSO OFFER CROSS SECTION
OF U.S.

4. CONSTITUENT POST NOMINATION WILL NOT BE MADE FOR THIS
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